



Horace Greeley's public letter to Garret Davis is not distinguished by profundities or compass of thought. Rather the contrary. To be entirely frank, the letter is a marvel of overweening narrowness. It is empirical, not logical.

The letter is devoted to the establishment of two points, the first of which is that the Union cannot be restored as it was, and the second of which is, that, if the Union could be restored as it was, the loyal men of the South would save the restoration. In other words, Mr. Greeley does Mr. Davis the justice to acknowledge that the latter is laboring to restore the Union as it was, and writes the letter under notice for the benevolent purpose of showing Mr. Davis that he is laboring to achieve an impossibility, which, if he could achieve it, would prove destructive to him and to others like him. The object of the letter appears to be to scare Mr. Davis into abstention.

This object, exceedingly ridiculous in itself, is rendered supremely ridiculous by the argument of the latter, which is, in the first place, that the Union cannot be restored as it was, because the rebellion is confined to the slave States and to those who are most inclined to it.

Let the Government, then, stop the way of preventing it. They are evidently prepared for the work of the Knights of the Golden Circle. Their whole aim manifested is to command themselves to rebel and do their service. They make every effort to render the U. S. Government odious, distorting its acts and misrepresenting and misquoting its motives, and publish whatever they can find that is calculated to encourage the rebellion and discourage the Union cause.

Now, in our opinion, all such newspapers should be as much excluded from the rebellion as newspapers openly advocating the rebellion. What a traitor is not allowed to do directly, he should not be allowed to do indirectly. Crooked treason is no better than the straight article.

The Government is the eye upon all disloyal publications, and stop the spread of them. The Government can and should do this.

Let the rebels decide for itself what shall not go into the Union.

Now, the rebels are caught and circulate extensively among the rebels, and sympathizers of Kentucky and no doubt of other States. Let an extinguisher be applied upon them.

Our readers no doubt remember the statement as to General Talcott's in a letter calling to him on Nov. 14th with a pass from Secretary Stanton and bitterly upbraiding him, in the presence of the editor of the *Free Soil*, for his treason. But all this, it would seem, was only a bold woman's trick.

The Boston correspondent of the Chicago Times says that the old lady, the moment she found an opportunity, slipped a revolver into the hands of her rebel progeny, and that it was for the possession of that weapon that he has since been kept in close confinement. So that trick, good woman, like the son in whom rebels are born, readily assumes a family and world ready.

Gen. N. Sanders, the political Jeremy Diddler, remarked to six of his boon companions in a parlor at Columbus, that he was "broke," and that he wished they could elect him to represent the Camp Dick Robinson district of Kentucky in the Congress at Richmond, for he badly needed the Gold.

Accordingly they elicited from the spot, and he has gone to Richmond to take his seat, and to the great chagrin of his friends, the editor of the *11th Kentucky* has come into the room. All ages and conditions are alike zealous in these good works.

Gen. C. Corcoran, correspondent in the *Advertiser*, recently died at Columbia from eating Indian meal sold by a popular U. S. grocer. Some mineral substances, probably arsenic or strichloride, can plainly be seen in the meat of corndogs, which was arrested to General Corcoran. Specimens of the same were forwarded to Calvo in Ia. A. U. Tracy, for want of space, will surely report upon the same.

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This fact is illustrated clearly by the rebellion movement of New England on behalf of half of commerce in 1814, and still more clearly by the rebellious movement of a portion of the South on behalf of free-trade in 1822, of which latter, at the present time, the rebels are the only ones who have been able to put them aside.

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